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SUBJECT: NY TIMES ARTICLE JUNE 23

1. AN ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES JUNE 23, TITLED  
QUOTE " CONFUSING REPORTS ON BURUNDI STALL ACTION BY UN"  
UNQUOTE CITED USG EFFORTS AT UN TO FOCUS ATTENTION  
ON REPORTS OF REPRISALS, MASS KILLINGS, ETC. TAKING  
PLACE IN BURUNDI. ARTICLE CITED STATE DEPT. SOURCE  
AS SAYING THAT ONE REPORT FROM BURUNDI AREA INDICATED  
10,000 TO 20,000 HAD BEEN KILLED IN RECENT WEEKS. USG  
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WAS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER WHAT APPEARED TO BE  
RECURRENCE OF LAST YEAR' S EVENTS.

2. THE ARTICLE ALSO CITED BELGIAN DELEGATE AT UN WHO  
STATED QUOTE " THERE HAD BEEN SOME KILLINGS LAST MONTH  
BUT NO NEW INCIDENTS RECENTLY" UNQUOTE

3. IN DISCUSSING THE RECENT REPORTS FROM BURUNDI, THE  
ARTICLE STATES QUOTE" HOWEVER, UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS  
POINT OUT THAT REPORTS ON THE SITUATION ARE SKETCCHY, OFTEN  
CONTRADICTORY AND DIFICULTTO VERIFY BECAUSE TRAVEL BY  
OUTSIDERS IS PROHIBITED OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL CITY OF  
BUJUMBURA. THE MASS SLAYINGS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN THE  
SOUTH." UNQUOTE.

4. THE ARTICLE DISCUSSES THE PROPOSED UN MISSION AS FOLLOWS  
QUOTE " ANY UNITED NATIONS MISSION TO BURUNDI- BY UNDER  
SECRETARY GENERAL BRADFORD MORSE OR SOME  
OTHER HIGH OFFICIAL-- WOULD BE LABELED AS A STRICTLY  
HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKING, IT WAS NOTED, SO AS TO  
AVOID GIVING ANY IMPRESSION OF POLITICAL INTERVENTION.  
THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION WOULD BE TO DETERMINE THE NEEDS  
OF THE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY LEFT  
BURUNDI IN RECENT WEEKS, FLEEING ACROSS THE BORDERS TO  
ZAIRE, TANZANIA AND RWANDA. UNQUOTE

5. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OF PRESENT STATUS OF  
JRR ACTIVITIES IN BUJUMBURA AREA. ROGERS

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